

WE KNOW OUR OWN FLOWERS.
F. H. KRAMER.
Florist and Decorator.
J. C. Powell, the florist, with F. H. Kramer, Central Market, and 916 F street, N. W., will be pleased to see all his friends during the holidays. Plenty of Roses, Carnations, Violets, Floral Designs and Decorations. Don't fail to call. Store phone, Main 3787. Market phone, Main 2197. Greenhouse phone, East 193. Private office phone, Main 3987.

FULL DRESS AND TUXEDO SUITS.
\$1.00—For Hire—\$1.00.
Julius Cohen,
1104 7th street, N. W.

HIGHER WAGES FOR NEGRO LABORERS

Powerful Labor Organization Will Protect Colored Workingmen and Women.

Every colored citizen who has the interest of the race at heart, will rejoice to learn that a great Labor Union is using its strength and influence to secure higher wages for the negro laboring men and women. This is the first labor organization in this country to take up the battle in behalf of our race.

This Union proposes to see that the colored people are given their proper place in the work of this country, and accorded equal opportunities to work with other workmen and receive Union wages and hours. They will extend full protection to their negro members, and insist upon justice being done them.

The negro has an equal standing in this union with his white brother, and is eligible to hold any office in the organization.

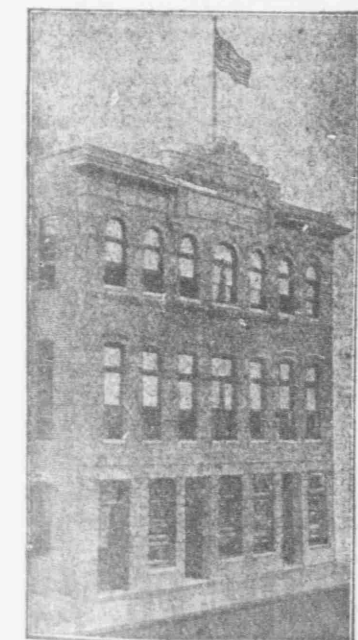
When a member dies, \$100.00 is paid to his beneficiary, this being one of the beneficial features of this Union.

If a leading negro of each locality will become a Deputy, and help extend this Union by forming new Lodges, he will uplift our people and do grand work for the race. He may continue his regular employment, forming the Lodge during idle moments, and receive good pay for his efforts.

Those of our readers who desire to take up this work should write THE INTERNATIONAL LABORERS' UNION, DAYTON, OHIO, and request sample Journal, Constitution and By-Laws, and instructions about becoming a Deputy Organizer for this progressive Union.

Be sure to mention this paper and enclose 10 cents to pay the postage. Also give reference as to character and honesty.

ST. LUKE HALL,
HEADQUARTERS
L. O. of St. Luke,
Richmond, Virginia.



—THE—
Independent Order of St. Luke
WITH HEADQUARTERS AT
Richmond, Va., is a growing Fraternal Society, with several Incorporated Departments, operating:—

- 1 A Fraternal Society paying Sick Dues and an Endowment at death.
- 2 A Juvenile Department paying Sick Dues and an Endowment at death.
- 3 A Regalia Department.
- 4 A Savings Bank.
- 5 A Large Department Store.
- 6 A Weekly Paper—The St. Luke Herald.
- 7 A Job Printing Office.

The St. Lukes are now operating in 15 states, and are rapidly spreading in every direction.

We want good, hustling Deputies. Good terms for the right persons, male or female. When you write inclose testimonial as to character and ability.

For further information, address
MAGGIE L. WALKER,
Grand Sec'y, I. O. St. Luke,
St. Luke Hall, Richmond, Va.



There are more McCall Patterns sold in the United States than of any other make of patterns. This is an account of their style, accuracy and simplicity.
McCall's Magazine (The Queen of Fashion) has more subscribers than any other Ladies' Magazine. One year's subscription (in numbers) costs 50 cents. Later number, 5 cents. Every subscriber gets a McCall Pattern Free. Subscribe today.
Lady Agents Wanted. Handsome premiums and liberal cash commission. Pattern Catalogue (showing 600 designs) and Premium Catalogue (showing 600 premiums) sent free. Address THE McCALL CO., New York.

THE BEE AND McCALL'S GREAT FASHION MAGAZINE
for one year for \$2.00.
COUPON.

Editor Bee:—
Find enclosed two dollars. Send to my address below The Bee and McCall's Fashion Magazine for one year.

No.....
Street.....
Town or City.....



Before You Purchase Any Other Write
THE NEW HOME SEWING MACHINE COMPANY
ORANGE, MASS.
Many Sewing Machines are made to sell for orders of quality, but the "New Home" made wear. Our guaranty never runs out.
We make Sewing Machines to suit all conditions of the trade. The "New Home" stands at the head of all High-grade family sewing machines.
Sold by authorized dealers only.
FOR SALE BY

FUNERAL DIRECTOR.
HIRING, LIVERY AND SALE STABLE.
Carriages hired for funerals, parties, balls, receptions, etc.

Horses and carriages kept in first-class style. Satisfaction guaranteed.
Business at 1132 Third street, N. W.
Main Office Branch at 222 4th street, Alexandria, Va.

Telephone for Office, Main 1727
Telephone Call for Stable, Main 1482-5.

OUR STABLES IN FREEMAN'S ALLEY.
Where I can accommodate 50 horses.
Call and inspect our new and modern.
1132 Third street, N. W.
J. H. DABNEY, Prop.
ate caskets and investigate our method.

NEW YORK CLIPPER
IS THE GREATEST
THEATRICAL & SHOW PAPER IN THE WORLD
\$4.00 Per Year. Single Copy 10 Cts.
ISSUED WEEKLY.
SAMPLE COPY FREE
FRANK QUEEN PUBLISHING CO.
AMERICAN HOME LIFE INSURANCE CO.

Mme. Davis,



BORN CLAIRVOYANT AND CARD READER.
TELLS ABOUT BUSINESS.
Removes Spells and Evil Influences.
Reunites the Separated, and Gives Luck to All.
1228 25th St. N.W., Washington, D. C.
N. B.—No letters answered unless accompanied by stamp.
N. B.—Mention The Bee.

ROOMS FOR RENT.
Large, comfortable furnished rooms for reither ladies or gentlemen, 1207 K street northeast.
Furnished rooms for rent at 1117 1/2 5th street, N. W.
Front Parlor suitable for a doctor and a back bedroom, 1410 First street, N. W.

A HIGH DEGREE.



of satisfaction—a rare thing in most \$3.00 shoes. Shoes at this price usually lack style or comfort or both.

The style of more expensive shoes and good solid value are found in our
SIGNET SHOE

because of the exceptional attention bestowed on the making. The only cheapness in it anywhere is the price.
A Goodyear-welted shoe, made on several of the season's handsomest lasts, in the most popular leathers. Looks first rate and wears that way every time.
It's worth your while to come in and look the Signet over, even if you're not ready to buy.
Always welcome.

Wm. Moreland,
491 Penna Ave
HOLTMAN'S OLD STAND. SIGN OF THE BIG BOOT

WILL HONOR CUSTER

MONROE, MICH., TO ERECT MONUMENT TO ITS SOLDIER HERO.

Famous Cavalry Leader Was Born in Ohio, But Always Regarded Wolverine Village as His Home.

Monroe, Mich.—Though he was perhaps the most famous soldier who has ever called Michigan his home, there is as yet, 31 years after his death, no memorial within the borders of the state to Gen. George A. Custer.

To remedy this the citizens of Monroe are now agitating the erection of a handsome monument to this dashing cavalryman who, from his later boyhood, always looked upon Monroe as his home.

Though Gen. Custer was born in Ohio and though his parents continued to live there, with the exception of one year, Custer himself went to school at Monroe and spent much of his time there with his sister, Mrs. Reed, who had married a Monroe man.

His appointment to the military academy at West Point was given him by an Ohio congressman, but it was always to Monroe that he returned for his furloughs during his academy course as well as on his later leaves of absence during the war. There he was married to Miss Libbie Bacon, daughter of Judge Bacon, one of the most prominent of the town's citizens, and there was the sorrow greatest when the dread news came on that Fourth of July of centennial year of the annihilation by the Sioux under Sitting Bull of the gallant general and his whole command of the Seventh cavalry on the Little Big Horn in Montana, eight days previous.

Since that day the federal government has made the site of the "last battle" a national park, marked the route of the Seventh's last march, and erected a handsome monument on the site where Custer himself fell.

But Michigan, on whose name he shed luster by his command of the "Michigan brigade" during 1863 and 1864, has done nothing toward providing a memorial to his deeds.

It was Custer and his "Michigan brigade" that during the civil war restored the cavalry arms to the place it had occupied in the days of Napoleon, when the dashing cavalry charges at Murat were an important factor in almost every battle.

Appointed brigadier general when but two years out of West Point for gallantry in small actions as an officer on the staff of Gen. Pleasanton, commanding the cavalry corps of the Army of the Potomac, Custer was assigned to the "Michigan brigade," composed of the First, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Michigan regiments of cavalry. At this time the cavalry was rather looked down upon by the other branches of the service, but the tactics of Custer and his "Michigan boys" soon changed all this.

Instead of depending upon the carbine, as the cavalry had done in the civil war up to that time, Custer placed his trust in the saber and in the efficiency of the sweeping mounted charge to dismay his enemy. That the cavalry came to be looked upon as an effective force from that time on was due as much to Custer and his actions as to any other single influence.

For a year he commanded the Michigan brigade and then was advanced to the command of the Third

cavalry of the cavalry corps. His exploits there attracted the attention of the whole north and that of the south as well, and his generalship during the closing campaign which ended in the surrender of Appomattox left him with the highest individual fame as a cavalry commander of any man, either northern or southern, with the single exception of Phil Sheridan.

After the war, when the principal duty of the cavalry, to which he was assigned as lieutenant colonel of the Seventh, was Indian fighting, Custer's success was as great as it had been against the southern legions, and in not a single instance did it fail, except in the "last battle."

And even there the claim, made at the time by Custer's friends, that his defeat and annihilation were the direct results of the failure of his subordinates to obey his orders has never been disproved, so that there is nothing from his first action in 1861 until he was shot down in the midst of his men on the Little Big Horn in 1876 to tarnish his fame as a brave man, a gallant soldier and a brilliant commander.

The citizens of Monroe have taken up in earnest the matter of a monument to be erected in the city of his adoption and will probably go to the legislature with a request for assistance in raising the money necessary, which it is figured will be about \$25,000. Two sites are being considered.

Toes Are Worth \$722 Each.
Green Bay, Wis.—A jury here has fixed the price of toes at \$722 each. William Gussart, who lost three toes while working for the Greenleaf Stone company, brought suit to recover damages and the jury awarded him \$2,166.

Locks of Washington's Hair.
Lancaster, Pa.—Mrs. Margaret Snader, an aged woman, living in New Holland, has several strands of the hair of George Washington, given to her mother many years ago by a member of the Custis family.

PENITENT PAYS FOR FREE RIDE.
Gives Railroad Price of Ticket He Saved by Borrowing Pass.

Springfield, Ill.—"This money has been hurting my conscience for more than six months, and I am glad of an opportunity to refund it."

With these words, a man the other day tendered \$4.75 to John H. Lord, city passenger agent of the Illinois Central. He explained that it was in payment for a ride which he had taken last July from Chicago to Springfield on a borrowed pass. The matter, he said, has been troubling his conscience ever since, and he finally concluded the only thing to do was to turn over the money to the railroad company.

After a little questioning he gave his name as T. E. Timmus, but declined to say who the holder of the pass was or what occasioned his repentance.

Mr. Lord was somewhat at a loss as to what to do with the money, but finally accepted it and gave the man a receipt for the amount. He has remitted it, with an explanatory letter to the general passenger agent of the road at Chicago.

The city passenger agent of the Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis railway received a communication from a man in Kansas City, asking the amount of the fare from Pekin to Granite City. He stated that he had stolen a ride over that route, and his conscience had troubled him so much ever since that he wanted to pay the fare.

NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON CANDY KITCHEN,
1614 14th street, N. W.
All kinds of delicious ice cream delivered free. One gallon, \$1.00; one quart, 25 cents; one pint, 15 cents.
Our Candies Made Daily.
Chocolates, Bon Bons, Taffy and drops of all kinds ten cents pound.

Columbia Ice and Coal Co.

FIFTH AND L STS., N. W. NEAR K ST. MARKET.
WOOD AND COAL UNDER COVER.
OUR COAL IS CLEAN, AND WE SELL CHEAP.
REDUCTION ON COAL FOR CHURCHES.
FILE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS, AND WE WILL DO THE REST.
ORDERS PROMPTLY FILL-ED. LEAVE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS AND TELL US THE KIND OF COAL YOU WANT.
COLUMBIA COAL AND ICE COMPANY.

W. Sidney Pittman Architect

RENDERING IN MONOTONE, WATER COLOR AND PEN & INK
STEEL CONSTRUCTION A SPECIALTY.
PATENT DRAWINGS DRAFTING, DETAILING, TRACING BLUE PRINTING
Phone: Main 6059—M. Office 494 Louisiana Ave., N. W.

J. A. Lankford,



EXPERT BUILDERS EXAMINERS AND ESTIMATORS.

Plans gotten out at short notice from rough sketches, pencil drawings, written or verbal description, and mailed to any section of the country. In the past forty-two months we have designed, overhauled, repaired and built over Eight Hundred Thousand (\$800,000) Dollars worth of work in Washington, D. C., and vicinity, the work being of nearly every description and character.

WE MAKE A SPECIALTY OF DESIGNING FOR CHURCHES, SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND HALLS.

We also make a specialty of building up vacant lots, installing steam and industrial plants for schools, colleges and business places. Any one contemplating having plans gotten out, buildings overhauled or repaired, we would be glad to have them call on or write us.
Main Office 317 Sixth St., N. W., Residence, 1210 V Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. Telephone 4629.
Branch, Miller's Hotel, Richmond, Va.
Branch, Taner's Hotel, Norfolk, Va.



LIFE AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE UP TO \$25.00 PER WEEK
—HOLE LIFE—INSURANCE
PAYABLE ONE HOUR AFTER DEATH
AMERICAN HOME LIFE INSURANCE CO.
FIFTH and G Streets N. W. Washington, D. C.

WM. T. SMITH

ASSOCIATED WITH

ROGERS and CLIFFORD
Embalmers and Funeral Directors

1224 U STREET, N. W.

PHONE CONNECTION.